



16th December, 1799.

*Read the first and second time, and committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.*

## A BILL

For the preservation of Peace with the Indian Tribes.

1 SEC. 1. **B**E it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of  
2 the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That if any citizen,  
3 or other person, residing within the United States, or the territory  
4 thereof, shall send any talk, speech, message, or letter to any Indian  
5 nation, tribe, or chief, tending to produce a contravention or infractions  
6 on of any treaty or other law of the United States, or to disturb the  
7 peace and tranquility of the United States, he shall forfeit a sum not  
8 exceeding                    dollars, and be imprisoned not exceeding  
9 years.

1 SEC. 2 *And be it further enacted,* That if any citizen, or other person  
2 shall carry or deliver any such talk, speech, message, or letter to, or  
3 from any Indian nation, tribe, or chief, from or to any person, or persons  
4 whatsoever, residing within the United States, or from or to any  
5 subject, citizen, or agent of any foreign power or state, knowing the  
6 contents thereof, he shall forfeit a sum not exceeding                    dollars,  
7 and be imprisoned not exceeding                    months.

1 SEC. 3 *And be it enacted,* That if any citizen or other person, residing  
2 or being among the Indians, or elsewhere, within the territory of the

3 United States, shall carry on a correspondence by letter or otherwise,  
4 with any foreign nation or power, with an intent, to induce such foreign  
5 nation or power, to excite any Indian nation, tribe, or chief to war a-  
6 gainst the United States, or to the violation of any existing treaty ; or  
7 in case any citizen, or other person shall alienate, or attempt to alienate  
8 the confidence of the Indians from the government of the United States,  
9 or from any such person or persons as are, or may be employed and  
10 entrusted by the President of the United States, as a commissioner or  
11 commissioners, agent or agents, or in any capacity whatever, for faci-  
12 litating or preserving a friendly intercourse with the *Indians*, or for ma-  
13 naging the concerns of the United States with *them*, he shall forfeit a  
14 sum not exceeding                      dollars, and be imprisoned  
15 months.

1 SEC. 4 *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of the act, in-  
2 titled " An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian  
3 " tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers", passed the 3d day of  
4 March, 1799, be, and the same are hereby extended, to carry into  
5 effect this act, and for the trial, and punishment of offences against it, in  
6 the same manner, as if they were herein specially recited.

1 SEC. 5 *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue and be  
2 in force until the                      day of                      and no longer.